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Consideration of reports of States parties

List of issues in relation to the report submitted by Hungary under article 12, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information (15 pages maximum), if possible before 15 June 2014.

The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights set out in the Optional Protocol during the dialogue with the State party.

1. Please provide statistical data, disaggregated by sex, age, urban or rural residence, ethnic origin and socioeconomic background, for the past three years, on:

(a) Reports of the sale of children, disaggregated by sale for purposes of sexual exploitation, transfer of organs for profit or forced labour, child prostitution, child pornography and child sex tourism, together with information on the action taken in response to the reports, in particular prosecutions brought and penalties imposed;

(b) The number of children offered, delivered, or accepted by whatever means for the purpose of prostitution, engagement in forced labour, illegal adoption, organ transfer or pornography, as well as information on the action taken in response, in particular prosecutions brought and penalties imposed;

(c) The number of child victims who have been given assistance, including through reintegration or compensation.

2. In addition to the training courses provided on trafficking and prostitution, please indicate whether specialized and systematic training has been provided to persons who are likely to come into contact with victims of any of the offences under the Optional Protocol in the course of their professional duties, such as judges, prosecutors, social workers, members of the police force and the border police.

3. Please indicate whether an interministerial mechanism has been established to coordinate the implementation of the Optional Protocol. Please also provide detailed information regarding the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Optional Protocol at the national and county levels.

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4. Apart from the crime prevention measures described in paragraphs 48 to 60 of the State party report, please inform the Committee about measures taken to protect children from becoming victims of offences under the Optional Protocol, especially children living in poverty, children in care institutions, Roma children, migrant children and children of refugees and asylum seekers. Please also indicate whether there is a mechanism in place in the State party to identify, detect and monitor children who are at risk of becoming victims of any of the offences under the Optional Protocol.

5. Please provide information on the implementation of the 2008–2012 national strategy against trafficking in human beings, and its outcome. Please also inform the Committee about any programmes or strategies that have been developed and/or implemented since 2012 to prevent all the offences under the Optional Protocol, including trafficking.

6. Please provide information on measures taken to ensure that children under the age of 18 who have been forced into prostitution are treated as perpetrators rather than victims.

7. Please indicate whether a specialized mechanism has been established to respond to and ensure the effective investigation of cases of missing or abducted children and to ensure timely coordination with bodies working to prevent and protect children from abduction for the purposes of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

8. Please inform the Committee about mechanisms established to identify victims of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. Please also elaborate on measures taken to protect the rights and interests of child victims and witnesses of crimes under the Optional Protocol at all stages of criminal proceedings.

9. In addition to information on legal support and compensation to child victims of crimes, please provide information on programmes for the rehabilitation and social reintegration of victims of the sale of children, child prostitution and pornography in the State party and on the dissemination of information about such programmes to all victims. Please also provide data on the number of child victims of offences under the Optional Protocol who have requested and/or been granted compensation under the 2007 Act on support for victims of crime and State compensation.